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passed through the bare hall and up

the stairs and so came into what had

aforetime been the drawing room of

the mansion, which now patently serv-

ed as the living room for a bachelor

of varied and curious tastes. Thus ar-

the light coat which he had been wear-

ing, tossed it carelessly on a chair,

threw the slouch hat beside it, then

with a deft movement stripped the

gray locks from his head and with a

gesture of relief cast the wig disdain-

fully from him. Freed from this sim-

ple disguise, that which remained of

enough. The man merely straighten-

ed himself with a sigh of relief as he

the metamorphosis of a moment.

vigors, broad of shoulder, deep chest-

ingly, into a countenance alert and

musterful in its expression. The eves

that had seemed dim under the droop-

and in their clear gray shone the fires

of a lively intelligence. He crossed

the wall and there dropped down in an

implacably, a grimmer mood and one

more evil. The lines of the strong.

mobile face set themselves to a wrath

that was all pervasive. Andrew Allen

had bound himself to avenge his

What in another might have been

only a helpless fury against malignant

fate became in this man a purposeful

wrath against the one who had acted

as the main instrument of destiny in

devoting Henry Allen to death.

Throughout the proceedings against

his brother Andrew had cherished an

ever increasing hatred of Wainwright.

the district attorney. He regarded this

public official as directly responsible

for the death penalty. To his mind,

warped perhaps by a great affection,

which held the accused slayer guilt-

less of any crime, it had seemed that

Wainwright pursued a course of in-

tolerable cruelty toward the innocent

for the sake of a vaulting personal

none to listen. He lived alone, abso-

Andrew ceased his nervous pacing

steps of a disreputably dilapidated

house and climbed three flights of

stairs to the top story, where he fitted

a key to the door of the back room

and entered, carefully closing and lock-

ing the door behind him. A moment

inter the gaslight flared from the

desolate wall paper, threadbare carpet,

thin, hummocky bed, rickety table,

chairs and washstand. The whole air

Only two things in the room tended

in any wise to contradict the general

table stood a typewriter; to one wall a

telephone was attached. It was the

characters. This wheel was readily

poverty stricken.

for the crime of murder.

brother.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

HENRY ALLEN, young married man, found guilty of homicide, first degree. ANDREW ALLEN, the Master Mind, and the real brains of the

underworld. CORTLAND WAINWRIGHT, district attorney, who is hated implacably by the Master Mind. LUCENE, "the one girl" in the heart of District Attorney

DR. FORBES, famous alienist, a friend and admirer of Wainwright.
MR. BLOUNT, alias "Black

Hank," a veteran thief and MRS. BLOUNT, alias "Milway. kee Sadie," shoplifter and ac-

complice of crocks. WALTER BLOUNT, clever thief who is in deadly fear of Wainwright and the Master

MARSHALL, a Pinkerton detective, who is employed by Wainwright.

SCENES OF ACTION, court. streets and houses in New York city; also a country place outside of New York near a state insane asylum.

CHAPTER I. The Master Mind.

THERE was a sudden, tense silence in the courtroom as the judge on the bench lifted his head and stared steadfastly at the prisoner in the dock. All had eyes Andrew Allen, whose younger brother for the man who stood motionawaiting under a mask of pallid indifference the words of doom that must now be spoken. And as that must now be spoken. And as they looked, thrilled by the awfulness of this moment, the watchers feit their hearts stirred to a profound pity, for this victim of the law was young. slender and strong of body, wholesome of face. In his expression there was no taint of the bestial, no hint of the lustful, the cruel. His whole appearance cried out that he was never one to prey on his fellows, to plunder them, to slay them. Merely he showed himself a winsome lad, surely light hearted in happier case, though now his face was set in the bleakness of a still despair. But the jury of twelve good men and true had named him murderer

At last the voice of the judge sound-"Henry Allen, the jury, after a careful consideration of all the evidence presented in your trial, has found you guilty of murder in the first degree. This is the capital offense against the law, and for it the law demands the capital punishment. The defense has urged that your action in ambition. He deemed it monstrous slaying a man within his own house that the prosecutor should thus juggle was justified by the unwritten law, with a life in order to win the plaudits since the one thus done to death had of the crowd. Undoubtedly had Wainby the arts of seduction allenated the wright been less zealous in his conaffections of a wife, and therefore the duct of the case the accused would penalty exacted by the written law have suffered a comparatively light should be abrogated in behalf of one sentence or perhaps have been acquitwho has thus punished the violation ted. of the sanctity of the home. Yet, Presently Andrew Allen sprang to though the guilt of the murdered man his feet and began pacing hurriedly in this regard has been fully estab- to and fro, muttering to himself dislished, this plea as to the potence of | jointedly the while. Though a man of the unwritten law in such instance has infinite precautions, he had now no not prevalled. The jury has seen fit car lest he be overheard as from time to disregard it completely and has ren- to time he voiced fragmentary suggesdered an unqualified verdict of guilty tions of the ideas seething in his fevagainst you. It only remains, then, crish brain. In that house there was for the court to pronounce upon you. Henry Allen, the extreme penalty com- jutely; not even a woman came on ocmanded by the law for the crime of casion to set the place in order. which you have been found guilty." Then followed a short interval of about the room presently and prepared dreadful silence, through which, as al- for going out. He proceeded to the ways, the prisoner maintained his desperate calm of despair. His demeanor abode immobile even while the judge spoke the few words that decreed a shameful death. Perhaps the pallid face grayed to a ghastlier hue, but there was no other sign, nor was there as he went shambling listlessly from the dock, obedient to the leading of his warders.

The bush that was still over the courtroom was broken by a gasping cry from somewhere in the crowd. A few close by him were aware that the sound had issued suddenly from the lips of an old man on one of the rear | impression of squalor. On the wabbly benches. For a few seconds it seemed that he was about to swoon. When,

almost at once, the erowa began to typewriter that first engaged Andrew's press its way out, the old man went attention. The machine was small, with the others, moving indeed, with very serviceable, but of a cheaper sort a briskness and a nervous energy that in which the printing was done from seemed surprising in one of his years. A type wheel having three bands of and doubly so in view of the emotiondetachable, and now the operator's first al strain through which he had just passed. He pursued his way rapid- care was to remove it from its shaft ly. That way took the old man north | and to bestow it in a pocket of his ward by the subway to Twenty-eighth cont. From a pasteboard box beneath street and afterward eastward to a the table he procured another type bouse near Third avenue, which retain wheel, one that had never been used. and adjusted this to its place on the ed still traces of a gentility almost wholly unaltered by the years. Here machine. Then he inserted a sheet of his disturbed thoughts to color his of a kind too triding to serve. the man entered with a latchkey and an ordinary chean typewriter paper topes as he spoke with an air of al-

and proceeded to write in the forefinger manner of the novice a letter. And he wrote with entire frankness, unafraid lest the missive betray him-his precautions were too carefully taken.

The greatest expert in machines would be unable to trace the peculiarities of a type used only on this single occasion, which would thereafter, with its fellow already in his pocket, be cast into the waters of the North river. So Andrew wrote freely, venting in words the hate that flared hot in his heart. baring his lust for revenge with brutal virulence, for he wrote to Cortland Wainwright, district attorney.

When he had finished writing Andrew went to the telephone and called a number. The connection was made quickty

"You recognize the voice?" he asked softly and very distinctly. "Well,

rived at home the old man threw off mitted himself during pauses in a desultory conversation to glance over the letters stacked beside his plate. Presently he became so absorbed in one of these as not to hear a question put to him by the physician, who, mildly astonished by this lack of attention on the other's part, looked up from his omelet to learn the cause. At the the unmasking process was simple same moment Wainwright uttered an elaculation of disgust.

"Now, this sort of thing has gone far inhaled deeply till the lungs were enough!" he exclaimed wrathfully. His

swollen to their full capacity. Now, in eyes finshed. "What's the matter, Cortland?" where had been merely a slight form. Forbes questioned sympathetically. with rounded shoulders bent under the There was a professional soothing weight of years, there was revealed a quality in his voice. "Somebody else staiwart man in the maturity of his after your scalp, I suppose."

Wainwright nodded somberly. "Yes," he admitted; "a new one, and

ed, thin of flank, whose lithe erectness told of an agile strength beyond the the worst yet, which is saying a good usual. Nor was the transformation that | deal. Just listen to this letter, doctor." of form alone. Even as the short figure The district attorney straightened out of the old man had grown abruptly into the sheet of paper and proceeded to six feet of sturdy manhood, so, too, the read the fellowing communication vacuous face merged subtly, surpris. aloud with indignant emphasis:

Cortland Wainwright, Esq., District Attorney, New York City: Sir-In spite of my previous letters to eu. In spite of all my arguments, my ing of heavy lids were widely opened to ahead with your prosecution of Henry Allen, in whose behalf I have so tried to the room to a couch that stood against in your efforts to destroy an innocent boy. He was right to kill the man who came by stealth into his home to betray his abandonment of grief, for this was oner. In his just rage over the first dis-very of the shame put on him by such less treachers he shot the villain and had that day been sentenced to death illed him. You might well have done the arre in like case. And because he did not the natural, the human, maniy Little by little the expression on the hing, he is to die at the hands of the the extreme of grief grew, slowly, yet

Vithout your violous bitterness in pressbeen acquitted in all probability, for men on juries, though they may be old, are, after all, men, with the primthe sauctity of the home. At least would have escaped with a term of immonment. But that would not content

Your personal ambition demanded the ol's ife as a blood sacrifice. Because the ble has been much outery in the sensain monacring papers of the country gainst some failures to punish murder ben the unwritten law has been pleaded histification, you thought this a capital portunity to put a feather in your cap haunt before the public the voters!stands before the public the voters y securing the conviction of Henry Allen
and condemning him to the extreme penits of the law-death Well, you have
ad your will Be content of it while you
my, for you, foo, must explate your rime. I shall see to that. I have the isure, the means, the mind the will, to unish you and I shall. Make no misike sir. These are not the idle vaporon the precise assurance that you will the made to suffer with the suffering the most dreadful to you. The signature I you to the end of this letter will be suf-

nt to the task. You have torn my heart by your crueity yours and crush it under my feet. I shall not hurry the work. Time will be acquired to make my vengeance complete.

But delay on my part must not lead you to think that I have forgotten or swerred one whit from my purpose. I inclose in this letter a white card. From time to time, wherever you may chance to be, you will receive a like white card. When my plans are matured you will have warning of the fact given you in the form of a red card in place of the former white ones. And, at the end, a black oard will tell you that the hour of your punishment is at hand. Such, Mr. District Attorner, is the mat-ter between you and me THE MASTER MINE

Dr. Forbes listened to the reading of this extraordinary missive with close attention, which nevertheless did not prevent a professional consideration of the manner displayed by Wainwright under circumstances so unusual and so sinister. He observed with keen appreciation the fundamental strength with which his friend met the attack The anger was no more than an evidence of wholesome virility resenting match he had struck and showed the injustice.

Under that flurry of wrath the char acter of the man showed undismayed The physician found a new satisfaction of the place was repellent, worse than in his friendship. Since his vocation drove him daily to consort with the unfit, with those diseased of body or of mind, or of both, he found a singular pleasure in companionship with one who was sane and strong in every part, lower and higher alike. Yet, not withstanding this personal interest, the letter itself provoked him to a lively curiosity. It held a savor of stark sincerity that made its threatenings vitally evil. Forbes, from long practice sensitive to the receiving of impressions. was sure that the writer of this arraignment meant every word; that the punishment of the district attorney would be compassed if it were humanly possible. Assuredly the prophecy

was not one to be despised.

most perfunctory interest: "And who is the Master Mind. Cort tand?"

"The Master Mind." he explained crisply, "is an enigma and a menace. He is, in fact, the most interesting and the most dangerous criminal working in THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE today."

"To my sorrow," the district attorney admitted grimly. "Why, the fellow has been back of some of the big gest crimes committed recently. And to make the history still worse, he has been back of others for years. And that's all I, or anybody else apparent that's all I, or anybody else apparent. He is a mystery—to me, to "Then you know something of him?" the police, even, as it would seem, to his tools themselves."

rested, convicted, for some of his



"The Master Mind is the most danger-

sake he hates me. He means to be revenged on me for Henry Allen's death. And what the Master Mind plans he accomplishes. That's his record through years of crime. Now he sends me a white eard to warn me that I am to pay the penalty of my offense against

ous criminal today."

Wainwright picked up the square of cardboard and regarded it curiously. "It doesn't seem formidable," he went on turning it over to show the blank

operation the myriad methods of the underworld with which he was familiar for the gathering of information in detailed completeness concerning the private life of the man whom he regarded as his enemy. Through various subterranean channels at his command, knowledge flowed in He learned exsentially all there was to know of Wainwright's family, of his boyhood of his life in school, in college, and afterward in the world of affairs, where though still a young man, he had won distinction from the respectful tiking of his fellows.

But the Master Mind found no source to the apparent the nation of O. G. Tuttle, solicity for any proposed of hy will, or who was their neits, legaless, devisees, or assigns. Therefore, on metion of O. G. Tuttle, solicity for any form the respectful tiking of his fellows.

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in sifting the mass of material times and a copy or capies thereof to be served at his command concerning the foe. From all the evidence the truth appeared incontestable that Cortland Wainwright had lived a clean life; that there was no stigma of scandal hidden within his experience to be fearfully guarded from the public eye. Finally when all other methods of search had he will be departure of his in tended victim for a vacation trip to the complainant cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newsymper printice of the state of the county and tended victim for a vacation trip to the complainant cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newsymper printice to published and circulation be continued there within with a plan of action characteristically audacious.

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His resolution once taken. Andrew Allen lost no time in the accompilish ment of his scheme. He was possessed of money a plenty, and tribery will accompilish modern miractes, especially when accompalied by a guaranty of immunity from any ill consequences of discovery. As a messenger for him self be held an interview with the self be held an interview of the north sent of the local to the self be the self be held an interview with the self be self be held an interview with the self be held an interview with the self be self be held an interview of the local term of the local term of the self be self be self and the self be self be self and the self be self be se plotter had come to believe that he must seek to trap his quarry by some The unknown beirs, legatees, device against the strength of the devices or assums, of John Device, deceased. man's nature, since he could discover no vital weakness anywhere; against the good qualities, since the evil were the Court House, or the village of Ithaca, in and County, on the 15th day of April A. D. But the physician allowed no hint of the good qualities, since the evil were

(Continued Next Week.)

Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN William E. Hendricks,

e police, even, as it would seem. to a tools themselves."

At a regular session of said count held in the Court House in the values or Ithaca, to said county, or the Shi day of April A. p. 1815; PRESENT THE HON. KELLY S. SEARL,

Well surely be mist have been ar leasted very distinctly. "Well then, you know the place. Come at once. There is work to be done. Yes, for the Master Mind."

While he waited the coming of the one thus summoned Andrew took from his pocket a tiny mirror and a pencil and put a few lines to his face, which completely altered his expression. With the visor of the cap drawn low over his brows he felt that his disguise was sufficient for the occasion. He smiled a little grimly as he thought of what would be the visitor's amazement could the man but know that this messenger for the Master Mind here in the squalid room was in very truth the Master Mind himself.

On the morning following the sentencing of Henry Allen, Dr. Forbes, the eminent allenist, whose sanatorium for the mornality following the sentencing of Henry Allen, Dr. Forbes, the eminent allenist, whose sanatorium for the mornality following the sentencing of Henry Allen, Dr. Forbes, the eminent allenist, whose sanatorium for the mornality following the sentencing of Henry Allen, Dr. Forbes, the eminent allenist, whose sanatorium for the mornality following the sentencing of Henry Allen, Dr. Forbes, the eminent allenist, whose sanatorium for the mentality diseased was famous throughout the civilized world, sat at breakfast with his friend, Cortiand Wainwright, in that gentleman's rather sumptious bachelor apartment in upper Madison avenue. The host, with the informality of long intimacy, permitted himself during pauses in a development of the man and every market or some of them and part the country for the mentality diseased was famous throughout the civilized world, sat at breakfast with his friend, Cortiand Wainwright, in that gentleman's rather sumptious bachelor apartment in upper Madison avenue. The host, with the informality of long intimacy, permitted himself during pauses in a devolution of long intimacy, permitted himself during pauses in a devolution of long intimacy permitted himself during pauses in a devolution of long intimacy permitted himself

M. Henderson, deceased, and of James Fraser deceased, or whether said defendants were married or single as alleved in said bill of complaint:

THERFORE, On motion of O. G. Tuttle, solicitor for said complainant, it is ordered that the above named defendants, Wm. Finley, Jr. and Thomas G. H. Henderson, their beirs, legatese, devisees or assigns, and the heips, legatese, devisees or assigns of Henry M. Henderson and James Fraser, deceased, and the wife, if any, of Ephraim S. Williams cause his, her or their appearance to be entered in this cause on or before the 1th day of September A. B. 1918, and in case of his, her or their appearance that he, she or they cause his, her or their appearance that he, she or they cause his, her or their appearance that he, she or they cause his, her or their appearance that he, she or they cause his, her or their appearance that he, she or they cause his, her or their appearance that he, she or they cause his, her or their appearance that he, she or they cause his, her or their appearance to be filed in said cause and a copy of such answer or answers to complainants bill of complaint and notice of this order, and that in default there of actions of the order, and that in default there of said only to the probabilished and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least one had a copy of said bill of complainant cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, publication of the order, and that in default there of said order to be personally served to said defendants and as each of them at least one had a copy of said bill of complainant cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published in the and circulated in said county. In Chancery, the complainant.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

The Circuit Court for the County of Gratiot, Complainant.

Circuit Judg

Countersigned:

B. L. Case

Register in Chancery.

This suit is beauth to quiet and remove rlouds from the title to lands described in said full of complaint as follows:

The south west quarter of the much west quarter of section thirty-four, in township deven north of range two west Machigan, and the north cust quarter of section four in township ten purch of range two west Machigan. ter of section four in township ten purch of range two west, Michigan.

O. G. Tuttle.

Solicitor for complainant, Business Address: Ithaca, Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GRATIOT:
In Chancery.

Luther Smith or his unknown beirs,

Complainant,

1915.
PRESENT THE HON, KELLY S. SEARL,
Circuit Judge.

were his heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, or in what state or country they or some of them may reside:

THEREFORE, on motion of O. G. Tuttle, Solicitor for said Complainant, it is ordered that the unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns of John Deeter, deceased, cause their appearance to be entered in this cause on or before the 11th day of October A. D. 1915, and in case of their appearance that they cause their answer or answers to complainant's bill of Complaint to be filled in this cause and a copy or copies thereof to be served on complainant's solicitor within twenty days after service upon them of said bill of complaint and notice of this order, and in default thereof said bill of complaint.

And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date of this order the complainant cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a new paper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each work for six successive weeks, or that a pony of this order be personally served or each of said defendants at least theory days before the time prescribed herein for their appearance.

Refly S. Seard

Countersianed:

B. L. Case
Register in Chancery
This suit is brought to uniet and remove clouds from the title to said lands described in said bill of complaint as follows:
Commencing at a point thirty-three and one third weds north of the south east corner of Section thirty-three, in township cleven north of range one west, Michigan, thence west twenty-two rolds, thence south eleven and two thirds reds, thence east twenty-two rolds, and thence much eleven and two-thirds reds to place of beginning.

O. G. Tuttle

O. G. Tuttle Solicitor for Complainant 1885-70 s. Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GRATIOT

William Finley, Jun-tor, Gardner D. Williams, court on the 27th Ephriam S. Williams, day of April, A. D. Elnora Weaver, and day of April, A. D. Amasa P. Carroll, leg-aters representation.

Pollasky Block In this cause, it appearing from affidavits on file that it is not known and cannot be ascertained in what state or country the dedefendants becelrailove named, or any of them, reside, if living; and it appearing from the hill of complaint filed herein that certain of the defendants herein, namely, those who are proceeded against as the unknown heirs, legaters, devices, representatives and assigns of the said above named William Finley, Jr., Gardner D. Williams, Ephriam S. Williams, Elnora Weaver, and Amaas P. Carroll, cannot be personally served with process by reason of their being annamed and unknown; and it further appearing that the above named and unhamed and each unhamed and unknown defendants and each of them are necessary and proper parties to this suit and that more than fifteen years have elapsed since the instruments effecting the title to the said lands described in the bill of complaint and which are the subject matter of this suit, were recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Gratial

on turning it over to show the blank surfaces. "It is to serve merely as a reminder to me that the Master Mind has not forgotten his purpose toward me. There are other blank cards to come merely reminders. But by and by, the Master Mind says here, there will come a red card to warn me that the appointed time is near at hand. And then at last there will be a black card to tell that the time is come for the Master Mind to strike me down. No. I am not afraid now. But when the black card comes"—

And slience fell.

CHAPTER II.

By Devious Ways.

I N the weeks immediately following the conviction of Henry Allen the brother of the condemned set himselfor will have been and the north and individually appearing "so the conviction of the condemned set himselfor will have been and the north and all wins been duly verified by the said suits is brought to fail that should lead to the consumment of that should lead to the consumment of this spin, and the said were fined by the said were fined by the said were fined by a first vervice on each of the resister plead or demur to the land described as the roorth west fractions may first the conviction of the vengeance on Cortiand Wainwright. To the achievement of this purpose the Master Mind put is operation the myriad methods of the underworld with which he was familiar for the gathers of the purpose the Master Mind put is operation the myriad methods of the underworld with which he was familiar for the gathers of the purpose the Master Mind put is operation the myriad methods of the underworld with which he was familiar for the gathers of the gathers of the purpose the Master Mind put is operation the myriad methods of the underworld with which he was familiar for the gathers of the purpose the Master Mind put is operation the myriad methods of the underworld with which he was familiar for the gathers of the purpose the Master Mind put is operation the myriad methods of the underworld with which he was familiar for the gathers of the purpose the Master Mind put is operation th

William A. Bahlke Solicitor for complainant. Business address, Alma, Michigan.

Take Notice:

The above pending suit is brought to quiet and involves the title to lands described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the township of Arcads, county of Gratiot, Michigan, and described as the north one half of the southeast to e-custre and all that part of the outh one-half of the northwest fractional one-quarter lying south of Pine River, and all on section number four (4) in township number eleven (11) north of range three (5) west. (3) west. Dated April 27, 1915.

William A. Bahike Solicitor for complair Alma, Michigan

The teachers' examination will be held at the Court House in the village of Ithaca, April 29th, 30th, and May 1st, 1915, commencing at 8:00 o'clock a.m. Standard time. If interested, write the school com-nissioner for bulletin no. 16. Howard A. Potter,

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